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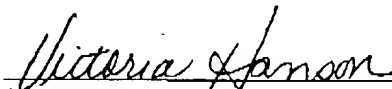
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Title:	PROCESSES FOR THE PREPARATION OF NOVEL COLLAGEN-BASED SUPPORTS FOR TISSUE ENGINEERING AND BIOMATERIALS OBTAINED		

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Amendment and Response

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Dear Sir:

In response to an Office Action mailed February 21, 2002, please amend this application as indicated herein.

In the Claims

Please cancel claim 21 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Please amend claims 1-13, 16, 17, 19-20, 22-28, 34, 36-38, 40, 41, 44, 45, and 53-58 as below.

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1. (Amended) A composite acellular product forming a collagen support comprising at least one porous collagen layer covered on at least one side with an essentially compact collagen membrane selected from the group consisting of a collagen film prepared by drying a collagen gel and from a compressed collagen sponge prepared by a compression of a collagen sponge at a pressure of at least about 50 bar.

2. (Amended) The product according to claim 1 wherein said collagen gel is dried in a fluid selected from the group consisting of air and gas.